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E.O. 11652: HGDS
TAGS: OCON, UN,HSHUM
SUBJECT: DEBATE ON COMMUNICATIONS FORWARDED TO SUB-COMMISSION BY WORKING GROUP

REF: GENEVA 6242

1. SUB-COMMISSION DEBATED AT LENGTH DURING ITS TUESDAY A.M. AND P.M. MEETINGS THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP WHICH RECOMMENDED ELEVATION OF 6 COMMUNICATIONS (SEE REFTEL).

2. DEBATE INDICATED GENERAL DISCOURAGEMENT AND DISILLUSIONMENT WITH ACTIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN DEALING WITH PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS ELEVATED BY THE SUB-COMMISSION AND SOUGHT WAYS TO IMPROVE ON THE AVAILABLE RESOLUTIONS (1503, ETC.).

3. SMIRNOF (USSR) AND GANJI (IRAN) WERE PARTICULARLY OUTSPOKEN IN CALLING FOR AN ENTIRE REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE, BUT MOST OF THOSE WHO SPOKE DURING DEBATE RECOGNIZED THE SELF-SERVING INTERESTS OF THESE TWO SPEAKERS AND FOCUSED ON POSITIVE MEASURES.

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4. AMONG THOSE WHO URGED THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK OF

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THE SUB-COMMISSION WERE MME. QUESTIAUX (FRANCE), VAN BOVEN (NETHERLANDS), CASSESSE (ITALY), NETTEL (AUSTRIA), AND MYSELF.

5. THE SUB-COMMISSION TOWARD THE END OF THE AFTERNOON TURNED TO SPECIFIC COMMUNICATIONS AND VOTED TO ELEVATE BOLIVIA (COMMUNICATION NO. 76/94/8496) 14-0-6;HAND EQUATORIAL GUINEA (COMMUNICATION NO. 76/90/2046) 15-1-5.

6. COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WILL BE DEBATED WEDNESDAY A.M. AUGUST 18 RELATE TO MALAWI, UGANDA, SRI LANKA AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THE SUB-COMMISSION MUST ALSO TAKE ACTION ON A COMMUNICATION ON INDIA WHICH IS A CARRYOVER FROM LAST YEAR. CATTO

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